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MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SATELLITES, 14 MAY - 6 JUNE 1953

MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE BULGARIAN FRONTIERS -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 24 May 53

According to information published in the Cairo daily newspaper al-Misri, a state of uneasiness prevails along the Greek-Bulgarian border in Thrace. Refugees from the frontier regions report that the Bulgarian General Staff has replaced its frontier forces. Meanwhile, the large numbers of Soviet officers in Bulgarian uniforms have decreased. This does not mean that Soviet forces have withdrawn from Bulgaria but that the Soviet General Staff has restricted itself to an area which can be approached only by a special permit.

Izmir, Anadolu, 6 Jun 53

Belgrade, 5 June (Ankara Agency) -- According to reports received from Bulgaria, infantry and artillery units in northern Bulgaria have been sent via Sofia to the Turkish border. Also, large forces are being concentrated on the Greek and Yugoslav borders.

SOVIETS EQUIP BULGARIAN FORCES -- Izmir, Anadolu, 6 Jun 53

Belgrade, 5 June (Ankara Agency) -- According to reports from Sofia, the Soviets are exerting great efforts to motorize the Bulgarian army and are constantly bringing motor transport vehicles and light and heavy tanks to Bulgaria by sea through the ports of Stalin and Burgas and by land across Rumania. The Bulgarian Air Force is also being built up, and the latest type aircraft with Soviet pilots are being based in Bulgaria.

SATELLITE NAVAL MANEUVERS NEAR HUNGARIAN CITY -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 21 May 53

The Soviet, Rumanian, and Bulgarian navies carried out joint maneuvers with the Hungarian Navy on the Danube River, near the city of Mohacs. The

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main exercises dealt with the laying and sweeping of mines. In the second phase of the maneuvers, Hungarian and Rumanian ground forces collaborated with the naval forces. The navy's task was to protect the passage of these troops on the river and to aid them in their movements. During the maneuvers, the city and river traffic in this area was completely stopped.

EVACUATIONS ALONG RUMANIAN-YUGOSLAV FRONTIER -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 14 May 53

In the Banat region of Rumania, all the population has been evacuated along the Yugoslav frontier for a depth of 50 kilometers. The evacuated zone has been occupied by the army and only military personnel are permitted to circulate there. Numerous military projects are also being constructed in the area and large quantities of construction materials are being shipped in.

NUMBER OF SOVIET FORCES IN RUMANIA INCREASED -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 14 May 53

The number of Soviet soldiers coming to the port of Constanta is increasing. This number includes both the units which are stationed there and the military units which embark and disembark at the port to be sent elsewhere. The behavior of the Soviet military units in Constanta recalls the days of the Red Army in 1945. It has been learned that the soldiers have pillaged, stolen, and committed acts of aggression.

SECRET MILITARY CONFERENCE IN RUMANIA -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 14 May 53

After the Greek-Turkish-Yugoslav friendship agreement was signed on 28 February 1953, the Kremlin convened a secret military conference at Sinaia, where representatives of the Hungarian, Rumanian, and Bulgarian general staffs participated under the chairmanship of Marshal Konev, supreme commander of the Soviet and Satellite troops in Eastern Europe. It has been learned that Konev reproached the chiefs of the general staffs of the three countries for the delay in the unification of their armies. He also reproached them for (a) lack of cooperation between the three general staffs involved; (b) delay in familiarizing themselves with Soviet military terminology; and (c) delay in the ideological education of the troops.

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